

REMARKS

Overview

Claims 15 and 17-29 are pending in this application. Claims 17, 18 and 29 have been amended.

This Amendment is being filed after a Decision on Appeal reversing the Examiner. Although the prior art rejections have been overcome, the Board entered new rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for claims 17-26 and 29. This Amendment is being filed under 37 CFR 41.50(b)(1) to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and place the case in form for allowance. See, e.g., MPEP 1214.01.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 17-26 and 29 were rejected under a new grounds of rejection as not complying with 35 U.S.C. § 101. In particular, the Appeal Board applied the Federal Circuit's In re Bilski test. See In re Bilski, 545 F. 3d 943, 961 (Fed. Cir. 2008).

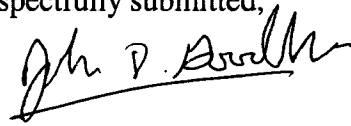
Claims 17, 18 and 29 have been amended to recite "on a computer". Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all claims satisfy the machine-or-transformation test. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in proper form for immediate allowance.

Conclusion

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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